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2. SUMMARY: AN AFGHAN SHIA ORGANIZATION, DESCRIBING ITSELF AS
"PRO-AMERICAN" IS INTERESTED IN U.S. ASSISTANCE. THE SHIA GROUP,
HARKAT-E-ISLAMI AFGHANISTAN, APPEARS TO BE OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY.
IT IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE POOR CONDITIONS
FACED BY SHIA REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN.

END SUMMARY

2. CONSUL AND VICE CONSUL MET APRIL 8 WITH TWO PESHAWAR-BASED
REPRESENTATIVES OF HARKAT-E-ISLAMI AFGHANISTAN (HIA), AN
ORGANIZATION CLAIMING TO REPRESENT AFGHAN SHIAS.

4. HARKAT-E-ISLAMI AFGHANISTAN SAID THAT HIS ORGANI-
ZATION IS HEADED BY AYATULLAH MUHAMMAD ASIF MOHSANI AND REPRESENTS
SEVEN TO EIGHT MILLION (SIC) AFGHAN SHIAS. MOHSANI COMES FROM
KANDAHAR AND NOW RESIDES IN QOM, IRAN, BU
IS A SHIA LEADER IN HIS OWN RIGHT AND DOES NOT RECEIVE
GUIDANCE FROM AYATULLAH KHOMENI. ALTHOUGH IT HAS ASKED, THE
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 ORGANIZATION DOES NOT RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM EITHER THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN OR THE GOP. NOR FROM ANY OF THE PESHAWAR-BASED RESISTANCE PARTIES.

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7 SAID THAT THE HIA HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY OTHER MUJAHIDIN GROUPS, NAMELY SAZMAN-I-NASR AND HEZB-I-ISLAMI BECAUSE IT IS CONSIDERED "PRO-AMERICAN." THE HIA RECEIVES SOME HELP FROM SYED JAGHLAN'S SHURA-I-ITTEFAQ. HIA SEEKS TO OUST THE SOVIETS FROM AFGHANISTAN AND TO INSTALL A DEMOCRATIC AND ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT. BELIEVES THIS IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF THE MUJAHIDIN AND THE SOVIETS SIT DOWN TO DISCUSS A SOLUTION

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7. SHIA REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN [] STATED THAT SHIAS WANT THEIR OWN REFUGEE CAMPS IN PAKISTAN AND ASSERTED THAT THEY ARE NOT RECEIVING RELIEF ASSISTANCE NOR BEING ACCEPTED AS REFUGEES. HE COMPLAINED THAT THE AFGHAN REFUGEE COMMISSIONERATE WAS NOT RESPONDING TO HIS REPRESENTATIONS

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B. SHIA REFUGEES ARE CONCENTRATED IN PESHAWAR, PARACHINAR AND QUETTA. HE CLAIMED THERE ARE 20,000 SHIA REFUGEE FAMILIES IN PAKISTAN, BUT ASSERTED THAT MANY FAMILIES (50,000-60,000) HAD LEFT FOR IRAN WHERE CONDITIONS ARE CONSIDERED BETTER. (COMMENT WE BELIEVE FIGURES TO BE INFLATED.)

ADDED THAT MOST OF THE ONE MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEES IN IRAN ARE SHIAS AND THAT THERE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO WORK, AND SOME EVEN RE-ENTER AFGHANISTAN TO CULTIVATE AND HARVEST THEIR CROPS

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11. COMMENT WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT AYATULLAH MOHSANI, BUT WE FOUND HIS TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ENGAGING AND EAGER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIO DATA ON MOHSANI AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY KARUL. WE HAVE GIVEN NAMES OF POLCOUNS HIRSCH AND POLOFF WEISZ AT EMBASSY ISLAMABAD ALONG WITH SUGGESTION THEY VISIT THE EMBASSY. L SPEAK ONLY DARI AND A VERY LIMITED AMOUNT OF ENGLISH

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12. KARUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. LORTON

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